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Concord, Mass. Sept. 21, 1894.

To the editor of the Despatch,  
Richmond, Va.

Dear Sir:-

I mailed to you some weeks ago a letter for publication, in regard to a gross attack upon myself, <sup>&</sup> accompanied by many historical errors, in a long communication published by you. The friends, in Virginia and elsewhere, who called my attention to the matter, are writing me to know if I have taken notice of it, - from which I am led to suppose that it may not have been printed. At any rate, it has failed to reach me, although I requested a copy of the Despatch containing my brief communication sent to me here.

As I remember it, there was nothing in the substance or tone of the letter which any fair-minded person, familiar with American history, could take offence at, - for I did not return railing for railing, but made a perfectly serious and respectful proposition, as a substitute for one to which I could see why Virginians should feel repugnant. And I had supposed that an editor, willing to have both sides of a debatable subject stated, would even welcome what was obviously a fair compromise, tending to the honor of the great sons of Virginia. I trust I was not mistaken in this, and that a printed copy of the letter will yet reach me.

yours sincerely,

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